

REMARKS

This application has been amended so as to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

The Official Action acknowledges applicants' election without traverse of Group I, Species II.

The Official Action rejects claim 55 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have modified the identified language so as to eliminate the basis for this rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of such rejection are therefore respectfully requested.

The Official Action rejects claim 55 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by FINELLI et al. 4,937,676. Reconsideration and withdrawal of such rejection are respectfully requested for the following reasons:

Applicants have amended claim 55 to further recite a pack loading door mounted on a front face of the camera body, the pack loading door being mounted so as to allow loading a film pack containing the instant film from a front side of the camera body. Neither the applied FINELLI et al. reference nor any other prior art known to the applicants discloses such feature. The present application as originally filed describes such a feature at least on page 20, lines 20-21.

The Official Action rejects claim 29 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over FINELLI et al. in view of

SHAKLEE et al. 5,373,347. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested for the following reasons:

Applicants have amended the rejected claim to add two features. The first is a power source battery electrically connected so as to provide power to the head moving mechanism. The second is the characteristic of the electronic still camera that the printing head, the head moving mechanism, the head driver, the developing rollers, and the power source battery are all disposed in the body of the camera.

The applied FINELLI et al. reference discloses a camera system having an electronic camera and a printer. The camera and printer are specifically described as being separately housed from one another, and not arranged within the same camera body, as now recited in amended claim 29.

Additionally, the applied FINELLI et al. reference describes a device in which the instant film is exposed line-by-line in a manner such that the film itself is advanced past fixed LED's. This lies in stark contrast to the present invention as recited in claim 29, in which the instant film is exposed line-by-line with the printing head itself moving past the instant film, which is held still.

The secondary SHAKLEE et al. reference describes a printer in which flat surface CRTs are used to expose the photosensitive medium. A CRT is known to those of skill in the art as a device that consumes considerable electrical energy. It

is inconceivable that such device could be driven by the electric power of the battery of the present invention. It would instead require a commercial power supply. As a result, it is unreasonable to combine the CRT of SHAKLEE et al. with the camera system of FINELLI et al., which camera system is clearly designed to be not only portable, but handheld.

The Official Action rejects claim 42 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over FINELLI et al. in view of PARULSKI et al. 5,828,406, and further in view of HATAKEYAMA et al. JP 6-189308. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested for the following reasons:

Applicants have amended claim 42 to recite the two claim features added to claim 29, as well as the structural features that underlie such additions. As discussed above in connection with such rejection of claim 29, the FINELLI et al. reference fails to teach or suggest that for which it is offered.

The secondary HATAKEYAMA et al. reference is offered as disclosing a pickup apparatus to allow the user to make a self portrait. The apparatus includes a video camera for taking pictures and a video monitor 4 that displays what is captured by the video camera, such as the user's face. This arrangement allows the user to confirm the composition of the picture while also being the subject of such picture.

When the user is satisfied with the image displayed on the video monitor 4, the user presses a freeze button 5a which

causes the device to immediately capture the current single frame of the sequential frames captured by the video camera as a still image. The user then has the opportunity to confirm the selected image by pressing the confirmation button 5b, at which point the image is defined as the picture that is to be printed. If, however, the user is not satisfied with the selected image, he may again press the freeze button 5a, thereby clearing such still image and returning the monitor 4 to a mode of displaying the sequential frames captured by the video camera.

Therefore, the apparatus of HATAKEYAMA merely displays the selected image on the video monitor during picture mode and prints out the defined picture during a print mode. However, the device of this reference does not display the last taken image on the display device as the print mode is selected.

Applicants note that claims 53 and 54 are allowed.

In light of the explicit statement of allowance and the amendments and analysis offered in connection with claims 29, 42, and 55, applicants believe that all claims remaining in the application are in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

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overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional  
fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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